

West Hawk Lake Yacht Club - Fall 2021

Sadly, the sailboats are put away for the winter and the boat house closed for the fall. It was a fantastic summer of sailing, even with all the continued covid rules, the kids were able to sail in their own boats and sailing was a go!

We ran lessons over five weeks using our expanded fleet of boats (Optis, Lasers and Enterprise). Adding two very good used Lasers to our fleet really helped the program. We reduced the numbers daily to only five kids in the morning and five in the afternoon. One week we were able to fit twenty kids and an extra instructor for close to 50 participants this summer. The adult classes used the club's Lasers and double handed Enterprise.

A big thank you to our new young coaches; Evan Owen, our head instructor and local Laser racer took on his first full time coaching job, he was joined by Gabriel Freider from the Cadets. Unfortunately the federally run Cadets program was put on hold for 2021. Evan also worked with the Falcon Sailing Club for a couple of weeks of kid's lessons and the brand new South Whiteshell Women's Sailing League.

The SWWSL was a joint venture between the West Hawk/Falcon sailings clubs and was a huge success! Congrats to those involved, we had over 20+ women in the lessons and look forward to more expanded programming next summer. Check out their website regularly for next summer's updates.

www.southwhiteshellwomenssailingleague.ca

This past Spring with the help of Mike Hamm at Home Run Sports we were able to set up a temporary website to sell West Hawk Lake sailing gear, sales were fantastic, watch for the email about next year's online sales in Spring 2022.

The long-term fundraising events and goals to finish our deck & railings and add a composting toilet were put on hold again this summer due to provincial covid guidelines, but these projects will hopefully be completed in 2022. Then we can begin hosting yoga and BOOT camp classes on a regular basis along with sailing from June to September. Look for the announcements in the Spring about a wing night, wine raffle and possibly a 50/50.

Proper signage and some finishing touches on the building saluting our donors are in the works. All West Hawk and surrounding lakes are welcome to come check us out; cross your fingers we can have a grand opening party in 2022!

The 2020 Manitoba Games in Dauphin were unfortunately cancelled and have been moved to 2024. We have a few West Hawk members in the hunt for sailing spots in the games. With all inter provincial travel sparse this summer West Hawk racers Evan Owen, Brennan Agar and Paul Krestanowich represented our club very well. Evan is trying to qualify for the Canada Games next summer, his results were impressive! 1st place Laser, Richardson Regatta at Royal Lake of the Woods YC, 1st Place Centennial Cup at Gimli Yacht Club, 42nd place and Gold Fleet out of 136 competitors at Cork International in Kingston, ON, 2nd place Laser at the ILCA District 4 Laser championships at Zig Zag Yacht Club, Brennan Agar 3rd place in the Laser Radial and Paul Krestanowich 4th place in the Laser at the ILCA District 4 Laser championships.

In our local youth Laser races we had a three-way tie for first place after three races! Susanna Weatherill, Linnea Holmquist and Rachel Anseeuw each had a 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finish in each of the races, a rare occurrence indeed.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't thank our legion of volunteers that made the season and lessons run so smoothly this summer. Cole Anseeuw, Aaron & Colin Krestanowich for moving/hauling sailboats almost every week, Kevin Harbottle & Kevin Anseeuw for looking after our building, grounds, trailers, etc. Tom Saunders,

our Commodore and the “Boat Doctor” who keeps our fleet in tip top shape, Glen Agar and Brennan Agar for looking after our annual corporate filings and volunteering with the Sail MB board and SWWSL.

For those who would like to donate to our upcoming projects please contact us at info@whlyc.ca or 204-479-7100. Check out our website for regular updates and all the recently downloaded 2021 pictures or follow us on Facebook. www.whlyc.ca <https://www.facebook.com/whlyc/>

Have a great winter, stay safe and we'll see you on the water soon!

Paul Krestanowich